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Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 with references cited thereon which were filed on June 13, 2000 and May 27, 2003 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. These papers were received by the Patent Office as evidenced by the copy of the stamped postcard. A copy of the IDS and associated papers are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner's assistance in addressing this matter is greatly appreciated.


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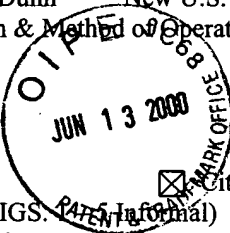


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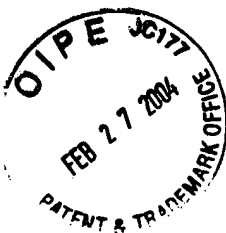
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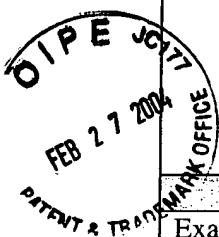
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